

SENATE BILL 2985
By Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 7, relative to the granting of police powers to county security officers in any county having a population in excess of eight hundred thousand (800,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 7, is amended by adding Section 2 of this act as a new, appropriately designated section.

SECTION 2.

(a) The county executive, or his designee, is authorized to establish policies pursuant to which a suitable number of persons may be employed and commissioned as county security officers.

(b) All security officers employed pursuant to this section must meet the minimum certification requirements of the peace officers standards and training commission.

(c) The county executive, or his designee, is authorized to establish such other minimum qualifications for employment as security officers as he deems appropriate; however, the qualifications for security officers permitted to carry firearms or other arms while on duty shall be at least equivalent to the certification requirements of the peace officers standards and training commission.

(d) When properly commissioned and qualified in accordance with the policies of the county executive, or his designee, the security officers shall have all the police powers necessary to enforce all state laws and duly enacted county ordinances. The

authority hereby granted extends to all facilities or property owned, leased or operated by the county.

(e) The provisions of this section shall only apply in any county having a population in excess of eight hundred thousand (800,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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